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GOOD SHOT

City is one of the key centres for clinical trials of country's first dengue vaccine, as vector-borne disease becomes yearlong threat

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Bengaluru has got ₹275 crore towards Urban Flood Risk Management Programme, even as it struggles to keep waterlogging at bay

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Study shows Bengaluru behind 21% of total black carbon emission in state; traffic junctions in city are hotspots of air pollutants that pose serious health risks

EMISSION IS ACCOMPLISHED

EMPRI, CSTEP researchers say road transport sector major contributor of pollutants

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Bengaluru alone is responsible for nearly 21% of the total black carbon emission in Karnataka. In 2022, while the state-wide emission of black carbon was 4.16 gigagram (Gg), Bengaluru urban recorded a total emission of 0.87 Gg due to its high vehicle density and significant heavy-duty transport movement, say researchers from the Environmental Management and Policy Research Institute (EMPRI) and Center for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP).

This makes the city a major contributor to BC emissions in Karnataka.

EMPRI and CSTEP researchers say their high-resolution black carbon emission map from the road transport sector has also revealed that the highest hotspot locations in Bengaluru were concentrated around traffic junctions with high road network connectivity.

"We looked at black carbon due

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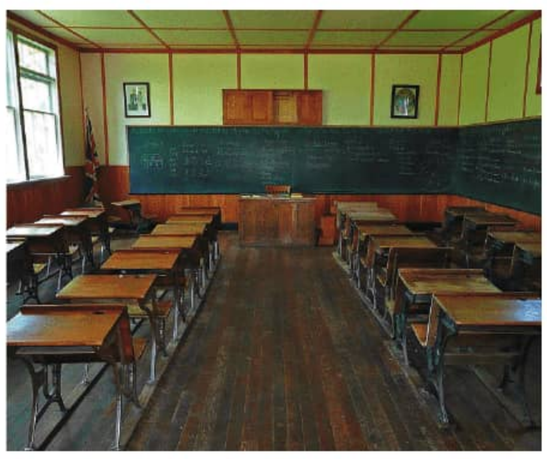
"While Bengaluru is tracking other air pollutants through 11 CAAQMS, the city lacks black carbon sensors. Looking at the harmful impact of this pollutant on human health, decision makers must consider this option —Dr Narayan Kayet, EMPRI

Caught in the act

As schools turn to digital proof to document student misbehaviour, experts advise caution due to privacy, trust issues



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In an increasingly tech-enabled environment, some private schools in Bengaluru are turning to digital documentation—often using mobile phone cameras—to record instances of student misbehaviour, verbal abuse, or defiance. The videos are used as evidence to justify disciplinary action or to communicate incidents to parents to avoid disputes.

The shift comes amid rising complaints from parents over alleged teacher misconduct and rising instances of indiscipline among students. Teachers say recording such incidents protects them from unfair blame while also serving as a wake-up call for students and their families.

"There have been instances where parents refused to believe that their child had misbehaved. When we showed a short clip of the incident, their attitude completely changed," said the Vice-Principal of a reputed school in Bengaluru. "It is not about shaming the child. It's about truthfully documenting what happened, so the conversation with parents can be constructive, not confrontational."

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THINGS TO DO

01 Crafty escape

The Indian Artisans' Haat, jointly organised by Vijay Karnataka and Bangalore Mirror, is bringing handlooms, textiles, jewellery, and decorative items from across India, presenting diverse cultural and artisanal heritage under one roof.
Where: Rangoli Metro Art Centre, MG Road;
When: Until August 10

02 Groove along

Folk legend Mame Khan will be performing with his Rock N Roots Project, bringing his signature blend of Rajasthani folk, Sufi energy, and contemporary fusion. The show features iconic tracks like Kesariya Balam and Chaudhary, reimagined with a modern sound and full live band.
Where: Windmills, Whitefield;
When: August 8 and 9, 7 pm

03 Gadget gala

Techstination, the popular Tech IP of Nexus Select Malls, is back with its third edition, bringing a wide range of gadgets and appliances from top electronics brands which are perfect for anyone planning to upgrade their personal or home tech.
Where: Nexus Shantiniketan Mall, Nexus Whitefield Mall, Nexus Vega City Mall;
When: Until August 17, 11 am to 9 pm

04 Let there be light

Shades of Green is presenting 'Songs of Nature', a special curation of lighting designs by Oorjaa, a conscious design studio renowned for transforming natural waste into luminous works of art. The immersive showcase highlights iconic pieces alongside a new collection inspired by the quiet intelligence of the natural world.
Where: Sabha, Kamaraj Road;
When: August 8 to 13, 11 am to 7 pm

05 Melody magic

Vineeth Srinivasan will be performing his most loved hits live with his band, as part of Vineeth Sreenivasan Reloaded 2.0 Tour, promising a night of rhythm, and musical magic.
Where: Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield;
When: August 23, 6 pm

Dengue vaccine trials underway in B'luru

If DengiAll trials prove successful, India could be on brink of rolling out its first indigenous dengue vaccine, significantly reducing disease burden and fatalities, say experts

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As dengue cases surge across India, Bengaluru has emerged as one of the key centres for clinical trials of the country's first dengue vaccine, DengiAll. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is spearheading a major Phase III trial of the tetravalent live attenuated vaccine at 20 places including the Bangalore Medical College & Research Institute (BMCRI), placing the city at the forefront of the national effort to develop a long-awaited vaccine for the vector-borne disease.

During a recent reply in the parliament, Prataprao Jadhav, Union Minister of State for Health, said that the clinical trial, titled "A Phase III, Multicentre, Randomised, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study to Evaluate the Efficacy, Immunogenicity and Safety of Single Dose of Dengue Tetravalent Vaccine, Live Attenuated (Recombinant, Lyophilised) – 'DengiAll'," involves more than 10,000 participants across 20 sites in India. Over 70 per cent of the total enrolment has already been completed. Alongside BMCRI, Karnataka's JSS Medical College and Hospital in Mysuru is also participating, with another site operational at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Bibinagar in Telangana. Each centre has been allocated an approximate budget of Rs 1.3 to Rs 1.5 crore to carry out the trial.

With dengue becoming a year-round threat, especially in urban and semi-urban clusters, the development of a vaccine has become a national priority

ICMR says that the trial participants were selected from different zones across India to ensure the vaccine's efficacy against all four serotypes

The inclusion of Bengaluru in this ambitious nationwide vaccine trial comes at a crucial juncture. India reported over 5.7 lakh laboratory-confirmed dengue cases in 2024, according to data from the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC). The steep increase in infections has raised an urgent demand for a viable vaccine, especially as all four dengue virus serotypes — DENV-1, DENV-2, DENV-3, and DENV-4 — are now circulating and even co-infecting individuals across the country.

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At present, there is no specific antiviral treatment or licensed dengue vaccine available in India. Management remains supportive, based on clinical symptoms. The Health Ministry has issued national guidelines on dengue case treatment and prevention, including vector control measures, awareness campaigns, surveillance, and free diagnostic services. But with the burden growing each year, the focus is now squarely on vaccination as a long-term solution.

Experts believe that if the DengiAll trial proves successful, India could be on the brink of rolling out its first indigenous dengue vaccine. This would significantly reduce disease burden, hospital admissions, and fatalities, particularly during seasonal outbreaks.

Request to scrap survey age limit

Poornima Ravi, director of the documentary 'Gods' Wives, Men's Slaves', has urged the Karnataka government to reconsider the age limit set for its latest Devadasi re-survey. In a formal request, she highlighted that while administrative approval for the survey was announced in the 2024–25 budget and is mandated to be completed by October following a Karnataka State Human Rights Commission directive, the restriction of women aged above 41 risks repeating past mistakes. Drawing from insights gained during her documentary production, she revealed that many women dedicated at a young age are still under 40 and remain vulnerable. She also flagged ongoing reports of young girls still being dedicated in secret. **–BMB**

Restaurants under scanner

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao revealed that 736 hotels and restaurants across Karnataka were inspected in July as part of a crackdown on food safety violations. Of these, 190 establishments were served notices for lapses in hygiene and food quality, and fines totalling Rs 21,500 were collected on the spot. Additionally, 291 drinking water samples were collected and sent for analysis.

At 186 bus stations, 889 stalls were inspected, leading to 206 notices and Rs 55,000 in fines. Over 1,500 street food units were checked, with 406 violations found. In a lab analysis of 3,489 food samples statewide, 17 were declared unsafe and 18 substandard. The department has also initiated legal action against Empire Hotel after all six collected kebab samples were found to be unsafe for consumption. **–BMB**

Independence honoured through acts of service

The Robin Hood Army (RHA) ignited a wave of service and solidarity with the launch of Mission Sankalp 78, a nationwide initiative to serve 78 lakh meals across India, honouring 78 years of independence.

The mission officially kicked off at the historic Town Hall in Bengaluru, where volunteers from RHA Bengaluru Chapter gathered in force. In a stirring act of unity, they stepped forward with warmth and purpose, distributing over 500 meals to auto drivers, bus staff, and passers-by symbolising the start of a monumental journey.

Driven by the spirit of service, RHA Bengaluru Chapter had pledged to serve 15 lakh meals across Karnataka from August 1 to 15, reaching communities in need through local collaborations, heartfelt volunteerism, and the generosity of everyday citizens. **–BMB**

Victory for students from Sri Chaitanya Future Pathways Global Schools

Students of Sri Chaitanya Future Pathways Global Schools, Kaggadasapura, secured the championship title at the 37th State-Level Taekwondo Championship held on July 27, 2025. The event was organised by the Amateur Taekwondo Association of Karnataka under the leadership of A Subbaraya (VI Dan Black Belt, ATAK President and AITA Vice President). The students participated under the guidance of Yeshwanth BR, President of Combat Warrior Taekwondo Association of Karnataka, and a 3rd degree Black Belt, whose coaching contributed to the team's performance. The win reflects the school's focus on academic, sporting, and overall development.

The school congratulated the students, coach, and parents for their support and thanked the organisers for the platform. Medal winners include Agasya Sai R, Hamsitha Nalam, and Harsha Nalam who won gold, Aarika Balaji, Khriyan, and Siddharth who won silver, and Abhinav V, Navaneeth Katuri, Abhinav Kumar Sinha, Vishnu Haryaksh, Sriya Chintaealli, and Lakshmi Ananya Gouram who won bronze medals. **–BMB**

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Double whammy for cybercrime victims

Fake company offering legal help to scam victims loots more money from them

CRIME FILES

City police on Sunday busted a cybercrime racket in which fraudsters targeted people already cheated online, posing as legal experts offering help, only to scam them all over again. The investigation began after a complaint was filed at Ramamurthy Nagar Police Station on February 12.

Based on the information received through the National cyber crime reporting portal, a victim, who had earlier lost ₹1.5 crore in a fake solar plant scheme, searched online for legal help. They found a website named "Quickmoto Legal Service" and were contacted by several tele-callers claiming to help recover the money. Trusting them, the victim paid ₹12.5 lakh in multiple installments, thinking it was for legal support and unaware that the company was fake.

The case was handed over to the CCB, Cyber Crime Police Station for detailed investigation. Preliminary investigations uncovered that several tele-callers were employed at this location, using a communication platform called Zoiper-5 to contact victims via VoIP calls. One of the main accused identified as Thufail Ahamed (37) graduate in Bachelor of Engineering from Naiveli town, Kadaluru district, Tamil Nadu was arrested and revealed that his brother, living in Dubai, had helped set up multiple fake companies to scam people. The investigation team traced the fraud to a fake company called "India Legal Service" operating out of Kasturinagar.

During the raid, police seized 10 computer hard disks, seals of seven fake companies, SIM cards, cheque books, rental agreements and other company documents, one mobile phone, 1 CPU,11 SIM cards, data from the SIP trunk server system.

A police official said, "It has been established that the company was involved in illegal financial transcation worth crores of rupees. More than 29 cases related to this fraudulent network have already been reported across India on the National cyber crime reporting portal."

Mall guard arrested for flashing, assaulting woman

A security guard at Mega Mart in Kengeri was arrested on Saturday for flashing and assaulting a woman who confronted him over his inappropriate behaviour towards female visitors.

The accused, identified as Chandrahasa, had been repeatedly misbehaving with women visiting the mall. A woman who runs a shop nearby had noticed his behaviour and raised the issue with the mall manager.

Chandrahasan allegedly confronted the woman on Saturday, hurled abuses at her, and even flashed at her. He then reportedly attacked the victim with a sharp object, causing injuries.

2 more arrests in Ramya case

Two more persons, Rajesh and Obbanna T, have been arrested in connection with the online abuse case involving actress and former Member of Parliament, Ramya (Divya Spandana). This brings the total number of arrests in the case to four.

The action follows a wave of vulgar, abusive, and threatening comments made against Ramya after she shared updates on the Supreme Court's observations in the Renukaswamy murder case on July 24.

Class 7 student dies by suicide

A class 7 student was found dead at his home in CK Achukattu. The child, Gandhar, is said to have died by suicide. The incident came to light on Monday morning when his father, Ganesh Prasad, found him unresponsive in his room.

Police confirmed that a sucide note was found, in which Gandhar allegedly wrote, "Please don't cry, I'm already in heaven." He mentioned that his decision was made so that things would be better at home. "My intention was not to die, please forgive me. I was happy for 14 years. I am very happy in heaven. Tell all my friends I'm happy," the note read. He ended the message with an emotional farewell "Goodbye, mother." The note has been taken by the police for investigation.

The boy's father, Ganesh Prasad, is a music artist, while his mother, Savita, is a well-known folk singer.

CCB busts international SIM box racket, two held

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) on Monday busted an international SIM box racket being run out of a rented house in Immadihalli and arrested two men from Kerala for illegally converting international calls to local ones using mobile apps and SIM box devices.

The accused, Fayaz MA (31) and Mohammed Saffaf (30), both from Malappuram, had been operating the illegal telecom exchange for the past six months, earning crores of rupees and allegedly routing the money to a Gulf-based handler through hawala networks.

Accident victim's two-wheeler stolen

A case has been registered at the Vidhana Soudha Police Station after a man who met with a road accident reported that his two-wheeler was stolen from the scene.

According to the complaint filed by a private firm employee on July 30, the incident took place on the night of June 7.

His two-wheeler skidded near Indian S. Billing between 11:30 pm and midnight and he fell and lost consciousness.

An unidentified person later shifted him to a hospital on Mysore Road, where he was treated as an inpatient for nearly a week. Upon discharge, returned to the site of the accident only to find his two-wheeler missing.

Prajwal Revanna to make legal history with criminal appeal

Former MP Prajwal Revanna is likely to become the first ex-MP in Karnataka to file a criminal appeal in the High Court challenging a life sentence awarded by the Special Court for People's Representatives. The court had sentenced him to life imprisonment for the rape of a domestic worker, making it the only such conviction by the special court since its establishment.

His petition, expected this week, would also prompt the High Court to constitute its first-ever division bench dedicated to cases involving elected representatives, as per legal provisions for appeals against life or death sentences.

According to legal experts, Revanna's appeal will be a significant first on multiple counts — the first criminal appeal by a former MP challenging a life sentence, the first case requiring a dedicated division bench for legislators, and a landmark moment in the state's judicial history. **BMB**

Concerns grow over shrinking buffer zones

In a move drawing strong opposition from environmental groups, the Karnataka government is set to introduce an amendment to reduce the buffer zones around lakes and canals, which are currently uniformly set at 30 metres.

As per the proposed bill, buffer zones will instead be scaled according to the size of the lake or water body. The amendment to the Karnataka Lake Conservation and Development Authority Act, 2014, has already received cabinet approval and is expected to be tabled in the state legislature during the session starting August 11. Environmentalists, including AT Ramaswamy, State President of the Parisarakke Naavu, have condemned the move, warning of protests if the government does not withdraw the proposal. **BMB**

Lokayukta intervenes in fatal dog attack case

The Lokayukta conducted an investigation into the case of an elderly individual being bitten to death by stray dogs.

Seethappa, a 68-year-old man, was fatally attacked by a pack of stray dogs in Telecom Layout, Kempegowda Nagar. Though patrolling officers arrived quickly, Seethappa had died.

Despite repeated instructions, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) failed to set up observation homes for aggressive dogs. The Health Commissioner had earlier said that a centre in Yelahanka would be ready soon but could house only 40–50 dogs. The Lokayukta noted that this was insufficient and asked for centres in every ward. The Lokayukta suggested that observation homes must be set up in all wards to monitor the dogs that repeatedly bite people. **BMB**

Dharmasthala case: Judge recuses

IN COURT

The Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge has withdrawn from a case involving interim injunction orders for deleting stories about alleged mass burials at Dharmasthala police station. This recusal follows a defendant's objection regarding potential conflict of interest.

Previously, on July 18, the court had ordered 332 defendants to remove and de-index over 8,842 web links related to the alleged mass burial case.

During the August 2 hearing of the suit filed by Harshendra Kumar D, Secretary of Shri Manjunathaswamy Temple institutions in Dharmasthala, the defendant's counsel presented a memo with an accompanying letter revealing that the presiding officer, Vijay Kumar Rai B, had studied at SDM Law College, Mangaluru, which is managed by the plaintiff's family. The letter requested case transfer to another court.

The judge recommended the case transfer to maintain public trust in the judiciary. **BMB**

Anticipatory bail denied in KHB scam

Public servants in local bodies are intentionally destroying original records of their fraudulent activities to avoid legal consequences, noted the special court for Lokayukta cases whilst dismissing the anticipatory bail application of a former assistant executive engineer from Karnataka Housing Board (KHB)'s B Sector, Yelahanka Upanagar.

Syed Azgar, previously employed at KHB Planning Division, faces charges from Lokayukta police for allegedly participating in unlawful KHB site sales, resulting in financial losses to the government.

Judge KM Radhakrishna observed that KHB officials have recently engaged in unlawful activities, disregarding their professional responsibilities. The judge noted that a comparable fraud involving site No 239, HIG in B Sector indicates the involvement of multiple KHB officers, including the accused. The prosecution, opposing bail, argued that evidence demonstrates the petitioner's direct involvement and requested his custody for interrogation. **BMB**

Strike cloud looms as HC verdict expected today

High Court tells transport unions to halt strike; advocates warn of contempt, Transport Dept issues stern circular cancelling leave, takes action as protest confusion persists

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After conciliation talks with the government failed and the transport unions confirmed they would go ahead with the indefinite strike, the state government moved the High Court at the eleventh hour with a public interest litigation (PIL). However, the High Court on Monday questioned the timing of the petition and pulled up the government for approaching the court at the last minute and directed the transport unions not to proceed with the strike until further hearing, which is to be held today.

The division bench comprising Justices K S Mudagal and M G S Kamal directed the transport unions, including those from major state-run corporations like BMTC and KSRTC, not to go ahead with the strike until the next hearing. The matter has been adjourned to Tuesday (today), when the Chief Justice's bench is expected to take a final call on the legality of the protest.

The court observed that while employees may have concerns, public services should not be disrupted, and such action would not be acceptable in the eyes of the law. The Advocate General explained the steps taken by the government so far, but lawyers representing the unions argued that a strike notice was issued a month ago and now the government is using threats of disciplinary action instead of resolving their concerns.

HC: Employee rights valid, but not at public cost

Anticipating disruption from the proposed strike, the Transport Department issued a special circular on August 4 cancelling all types of employees leave except in emergencies

Failed negotiations with CM

On Monday, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah held a two-hour emergency meeting with the Transport Joint Action Committee, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, and senior officials. Despite assurances, the talks failed.

The CM said that fulfilling the employees' demands would cost 2,200 crore and add pressure to the state's finances. He assured that all demands would be implemented by 2027, with partial implementation in the current phase. However, the unions refused the proposal. Siddaramaiah urged employees not to strike, saying, "The government is committed to protecting your interests. Do not cause inconvenience to the public."

Transport dept issues strict orders

Anticipating disruption from the proposed strike, the Transport Department issued a special circular on August 4 cancelling all types of employees leave except in emergencies. The circular warned that staff participating in the strike would face disciplinary action, with the "no work, no pay" policy strictly enforced. While employees on long-term or weekly sanctioned leave are exempt, the department stated even weekly offs may be revoked if necessary. Depot managers have been instructed to maintain daily attendance records and deduct salaries accordingly. All four state transport corporations have been directed to implement these measures to minimise disruption to essential public services.

Confusion over transport strike despite High Court stay

Uncertainty looms over the statewide transport strike as confusion persists despite the High Court's directive instructing unions—including KSRTC and BMTC—not to proceed with the protest. While the court has asked unions to hold off on strike action until further orders, citing potential public hardship, union leaders say the strike call still stands.

Union representatives said the writ petition and court order were received around 7:30 PM on Monday, by which time members of the Joint Action Committee (JAC) were unavailable for consultation. The matter has been submitted for legal opinion, and a collective decision is expected today.

Until then, the strike call remains. Meanwhile, advocates warned that disobeying the court's direction could amount to contempt and noted that leniency shown during the 2021 strike may not be repeated. Transport officials, however, said services are expected to run without disruption today.

Campus expansion vs ecology: citizens speak out

Citizens say cutting 419 trees for construction at Jnanabharathi campus endangers Bengaluru's lung space and biodiversity; urge vertical expansion and protection

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Bangalore University has received nearly 25K objections from citizens concerned about felling of more than 400 trees on the campus to make way for a new academic block and research block under the PM-USHA scheme.

These include objections through online petitions and on-paper signatures submitted to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and the varsity.

Citizens, in their objections, say the trees on the Jnanabharathi campus are required to maintain the lung space of the city.

"This green space hosts plant species from the Western Ghats, sandalwood trees, and over 175 bird species. It serves as a crucial lung space, helping recharge groundwater and regulate temperature. All of this is now at risk of being lost forever. Has the Forest Department initiated compensatory plantation under the Karnataka Forest Preservation Act 1976 and Trees Rules 1977?" questioned a concerned citizen.

Trees at Jnanabharathi vital for city's lung space

Bengalureans emphasise the need to preserve the green cover at the Jnanabharathi campus to maintain ecological balance. Trees are vital natural sources of oxygen, essential not only for humans but also for animals and birds, for whom forests serve as natural habitats crucial for their survival and well-being.

"As concerned citizens, we strongly object to the proposed cutting of 419 trees on the Jnanabharathi campus. We must safeguard this ecological system for future generations, as it provides free and essential oxygen. Tree roots have the natural ability to retain rainwater, helping to recharge groundwater and regulate the climate by keeping it cool," said another complainant.

> **"With Bengaluru having only 3% tree cover, we must protect the city's remaining green spaces and refrain from cutting any trees**
>
> –Local resident's submission to BBMP

They opine with Bengaluru having only 3% tree cover, we must protect the city's remaining green spaces and refrain from cutting any trees on the Bangalore University campus.

Citizens say the 75 acres of encroached land within Bangalore University must be vacated immediately. The Registrar, being a senior KAS officer, should ensure that this land is used solely for university purposes. Alternatively, the university should make better use of its existing large buildings and consider vertical expansion to preserve the vital green lungs of Bengaluru.

However, BU has maintained that half of the trees proposed to be cut are eucalyptus trees.

"Most of the trees marked for felling under the PM-USHA scheme are eucalyptus. The proposed site is not part of any designated bio-parks on the campus. The construction of an academic block and a research block under the scheme will bring long-term benefits to both the university and its student community," said a BU representative.

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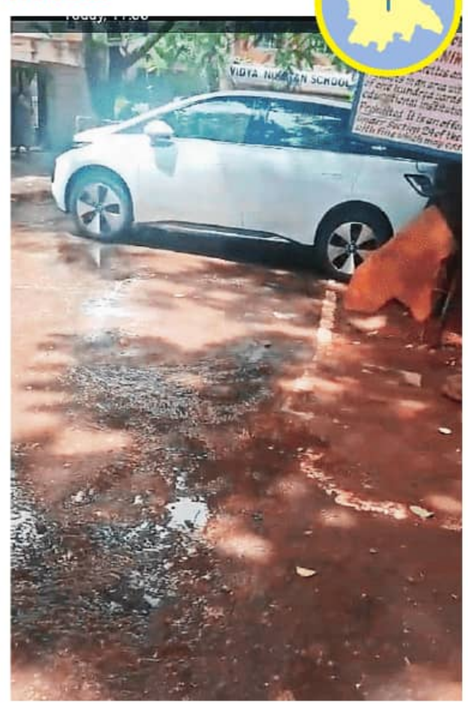
◎ Pedestrian blocked

Rajajinagar

A car is frequently parked on the footpath at 41st Cross, 3rd Block, Rajajinagar, causing obstruction to pedestrians.

◎ Drain mess

Hebbal



Overflowing drainage near a school in Hebbal Kempapura is seeping into the premises and affecting nearby access roads.

◎ Waste fire

Horamavu

Despite repeated complaints, BBMP officials continue to burn garbage — including plastic — near the Horamavu underpass, releasing toxic fumes and endangering public health.

RAIN REPORT

Centre clears ₹275 crore to boost B'luru flood defences

Central nod fuels BBMP's mission to build resilient stormwater systems and reduce Bengaluru's annual urban flooding havoc during monsoon

With ₹238.72 crore from Centre and ₹26.53 crore from State, Bengaluru aims for long-term flood resilience and preparedness

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The Central Government has approved funding of ₹275 crore for the Urban Flood Risk Management Programme (UFRMP) in the city. The approval, based on recommendations of the Fifteenth Finance Commission (XV-FC), comes under the National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF), according to a recent reply in Parliament.

The move aims to equip Bengaluru with long-term flood resilience, a crucial step considering the city's recurring struggles with waterlogging and inundation during heavy monsoons. The XV-FC had earmarked funds to help metro cities implement integrated flood management systems. While Mumbai, Chennai, and Kolkata were recommended ₹500 crore each, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Pune, and Ahmedabad were allocated ₹250 crore apiece.

Under the funding model, the Centre is contributing 90% of the cost, while the State Government is expected to bear the remaining 10% from its own resources.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) submitted a comprehensive proposal for the UFRMP with a total project cost of ₹275 crore. Of this, ₹247.25 crore has been earmarked for structural components—primarily for strengthening and expanding the city's stormwater drainage network. The remaining ₹27.75 crore is allocated for non-structural elements such as flood modelling tools, early warning systems, and preparedness measures.

The Central Government approved the proposal on July 25, 2024. The funding package includes ₹238.72 crore from the Centre, ₹26.53 crore from the Karnataka Government, and ₹9.75 crore from the State Disaster Response Fund under its Preparedness & Capacity Building window.

To initiate the implementation, the first tranche of ₹71.62 crore was released to the state on December 6, 2024. These funds will be channelled towards flood mitigation work in the most vulnerable pockets of the city.

Bengaluru has faced increasingly erratic weather patterns and inadequate drainage infrastructure in recent years, often resulting in waterlogged roads and damaged property. Officials say this project is expected to bring a more scientific and integrated approach to tackling urban floods.

With the BBMP receiving central backing, city authorities are now expected to push forward key interventions that could not only mitigate risks but also strengthen the city's resilience against future climate-related disasters.

Rain relief

Despite traffic snarls and flooded roads, residents welcomed the brief spell of rain that brought much-needed relief from the heat

> **Bengaluru's ₹275 crore flood management plan, backed by the Centre, aims to tackle monsoon flooding through drainage upgrades, early warning systems, and strategic urban resilience**
>
> –BBMP official

K'taka braces for monsoon shock

Karnataka is bracing for a sharp drop in rainfall during the second half of the monsoon, with the coastal and Malnad regions likely facing an 80% deficit this August, according to the state's weather department. While June and July brought 11% above-normal rainfall, forecasts for August and September suggest a worrying reversal. The state as a whole may witness a 50% shortfall in August, despite normal monsoon projections for the country. Interior regions could see some relief in September, but the coastal belt and Western Ghats are expected to continue receiving scanty rainfall, raising concerns across sectors.

— BMB

Flooded hopes: Kasturinagar homes drown in stormwater chaos

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The residents on 2nd Main of Kasturinagar have been facing a lot of problems whenever it rains heavily in the last few months. While most people in Bengaluru want sufficient rainfall, the hapless residents at 2nd Main do the opposite to avoid their homes flooded with rainwater. They have been running from pillar to post to fix the problem but in vain.

Residents blame the situation on choked stormwater drains and a poorly maintained Benniganahalli Lake, where silt and weeds on the northern side prevent rainwater from flowing freely. Instead of draining into the lake, rainwater backs up and gushes into homes. The flooding is worsened by an ongoing suburban rail project, which they say has blocked the drain meant to carry rainwater into the lake.

Residents say suburban rail project blocked drain, causing rainwatwer to reserve and flood their homes repeatedly

On Sunday night, yet another bout of heavy rain turned roads into streams and flooded multiple homes. "Water sumps are flooded with dirty water. We faced a lot of problems when rainwater entered our home. My car that I bought recently is damaged. We spent money to clean sumps and are still waiting for Cauvery water," said Vijaya Raghavan, a resident of BDA Layout.

Another resident, Ramamurthy DS, said floodwaters entered his house for the second time in a few months. "It was around two to three feet deep this time. We are fed up with this. We want the authorities to fix the problem before it rains again," he said.

Residents say that despite multiple complaints, no lasting solution has been implemented. Officials from the BBMP, the Lakes Department, the Storm Water Drains Department, and even the South Western Railway are aware of the problem, yet action remains slow.

The residents were briefly hopeful when BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath visited the locality and Benniganahalli Lake on July 23. They were encouraged by his instructions to engineers to address the issue urgently. However, weeks later, their problems remain unresolved.

Abhijit, a resident, believes that only a joint effort between the Lakes and Storm Water Drains departments will help. "The northern part of Benniganahalli Lake must be desilted as a permanent solution. Otherwise, we will continue to suffer during every spell of rain," he said.

K Ramanatha Rao, Executive Director of the Kasturinagar Welfare Association, said that BBMP engineers, along with storm water drain and railway officials, inspected the site on Monday. "We explained the issue and the urgent need for desilting. They have assured us that action will be taken. Now we have to wait and see," he added.

> **We want the authorities to fix the flooding problem as early as possible. It is the second time my house has been flooded**
>
> —Ramamurthy DS
> resident of Kasturinagar

With monsoon rains expected to continue, residents remain anxious. Whether the promised intervention will happen before another downpour causes fresh damage is a question that looms large over this otherwise peaceful neighbourhood.

Where is the drain? Balagere Main Road can't wade anymore

Despite top leaders' visits, BBMP's delay in completing rainwater drains leaves Balagere Road residents battling flooding, poor commute, and unanswered complaints

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The project was planned in 2015 but it is yet to be completed even after 10 years. Balagere Main Road continues to make headlines for the wrong reasons, despite visits by the deputy Chief minister and Chief Minister. BBMP authorities persist in delaying developmental works, particularly the construction of rainwater drains, leaving residents frustrated and repeatedly voicing their grievances over the prolonged civic inaction.

Residents of Balagere Road have been complaining, protesting, and even cleaning the road themselves to draw attention to civic apathy. While they expressed gratitude to BBMP for initiating the rainwater drain construction, they remain deeply dissatisfied with the slow and sluggish pace of work, demanding faster execution and timely completion of the project.

They said that they are worried about the missing rainwater drain at a few stretches on the main road. They said that, due to the lack of roadside drain, they have to struggle a lot to commute on the road due to waterlogging and flooding.

"We have been complaining to the BBMP authorities on the flooding of the road whenever it rains heavily. It needs two to three days to drain water from the road as there is no drain along the road. We have raised the issue during the ward meeting held in June. The BBMP authorities have promised to look into the matter but did nothing till date," said Sandeep Mohapatra, a resident.

A stretch of Balagere Road flooded on May 11 due to heavy rain

He said the contractor has been laying concrete pipes of one to one-and-a-half feet in diameter at locations where rainwater drains cannot be built due to TDR issues. "These narrow pipes cannot handle the volume of rainwater during heavy downpours, causing flooding and waterlogging. It becomes a herculean task for us to commute along this 1-km stretch during the monsoon," he said, expressing concern over the inadequate drainage solution.

The BBMP has sanctioned Rs 8 crore for concretizing the road and constructing the rainwater drain. The residents want the authorities to construct the rainwater drain instead of using concrete pipes to carry rainwater.

> **Some property owners are not allowing drain construction due to TDR issues. We are laying 400 mt of concrete pipe as a temporary measure**
>
> –Subhas A Patil, BBMP Assistant Executive Engineer

Swetha, a resident, said that the entire stretch will flood because of missing drains, SWD links and the accumulated silt. "The authorities said that the road does not come under the annual maintenance contract (AMC) though we are the highest tax paying citizens. What Greater Bengaluru they will build when the BBMP is highly incompetent with ill-will towards building these small drains?" asks Swetha.

Meanwhile, BBMP assistant executive engineer Subhas A Patil said that a few property owners are not allowing the construction of the rainwater drain due to TDR problems. "We have to use concrete pipe at a few different stretches. The length of the concrete pipe to be used is around 400 meters. It is a temporary arrangement till the TDR issue is solved..

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Protest site

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Monday inspected arrangements at Freedom Park, where the Congress had planned a protest rally for Tuesday. The Congress later postponed its Bengaluru protest rally—originally scheduled for August 5—to August 8 following the demise of JMM leader and former Jharkhand CM Shibu Soren. Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and MP Rahul Gandhi will attend Soren's cremation in Ranchi

India's AI hub: city at 26th spot

Bengaluru has secured the 26th position in the Global AI City Index, becoming India's top hub for AI research and data centres, as per Counterpoint Research's 2025 report. It ranks among the world's fastest-growing AI ecosystems, fuelled by a dynamic startup ecosystem and rising foreign investments. While cities like Mumbai and Delhi are focusing on AI for traffic and safety, the report highlights Bengaluru's strong AI infrastructure, despite global leaders like Singapore, Seoul, and Beijing setting high benchmarks. **–BMB**

Reservation report awaits cabinet nod

Justice H N Nagamohan Das on Monday submitted a 1,766-page report on internal reservation among Scheduled Castes in government jobs and education to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. The detailed report was prepared after surveying over 27 lakh SC households and 1.07 crore individuals across Karnataka between May 5 and July 6. It will be presented before the state cabinet on August 7 for further action. Justice Das, who headed the one-man commission set up on January 1, stated that the report is now entirely under the government's purview. He undertook the task without any remuneration, completing it voluntarily. **–BMB**

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Water metro set to cruise into Mangaluru

Inspired by Kochi's success, the state approves a Water Metro project for Mangaluru to ease traffic congestion and boost the city's growing tourism potential

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The first-ever Water Metro project in the country, launched in Kochi, Kerala, has successfully attracted tourists. Now, the Infrastructure Development, Ports and Inland Water Transport Department has approved a similar project for Mangaluru. Preparations are underway to invite tenders for the Detailed Project Report (DPR). Once implemented, the Water Metro is expected to significantly boost Mangaluru's growing tourism sector.

Sources said the Mangaluru Water Metro will be developed along the Phalguni and Netravati rivers, vital lifelines of the Dakshina Kannada district. The state's port infrastructure and inland water transport departments are set to issue tenders for the Detailed Project Report (DPR). If all goes as planned, the Water Metro project is likely to commence within two years. Once the DPR is prepared, project tenders will be invited. Meanwhile, discussions are underway to explore private sector participation in operating the proposed water-based transport services.

The proposed Mangaluru Water Metro project will feature 19 metro stops (file photo)

Given the increasing traffic congestion on the roads connecting Mangaluru city, the introduction of the Water Metro will help alleviate pressure and provide an alternative mode of transportation. According to officials, the Water Metro will run in a semi-circular route around the city, starting from the Maravoor Bridge and extending to Kotepur.

Significant benefits for tourists

The Mangaluru Water Metro project will offer significant benefits for tourists visiting the city. It will provide easy connectivity to major attractions such as Kateel Temple, Kudroli Temple, Tannirbavi Beach, Sultan Battery, Panambur Beach, Ullal Darga, Tripark, Kadri Park, the Museum, Aloysius Chapel, Kadri Temple, and more. Additionally, it will offer convenient access to the railway station.

19 metro stops proposed

The proposed Mangaluru Water Metro project will feature 19 metro stops. While it has garnered widespread support, concerns have been raised regarding its overall feasibility.

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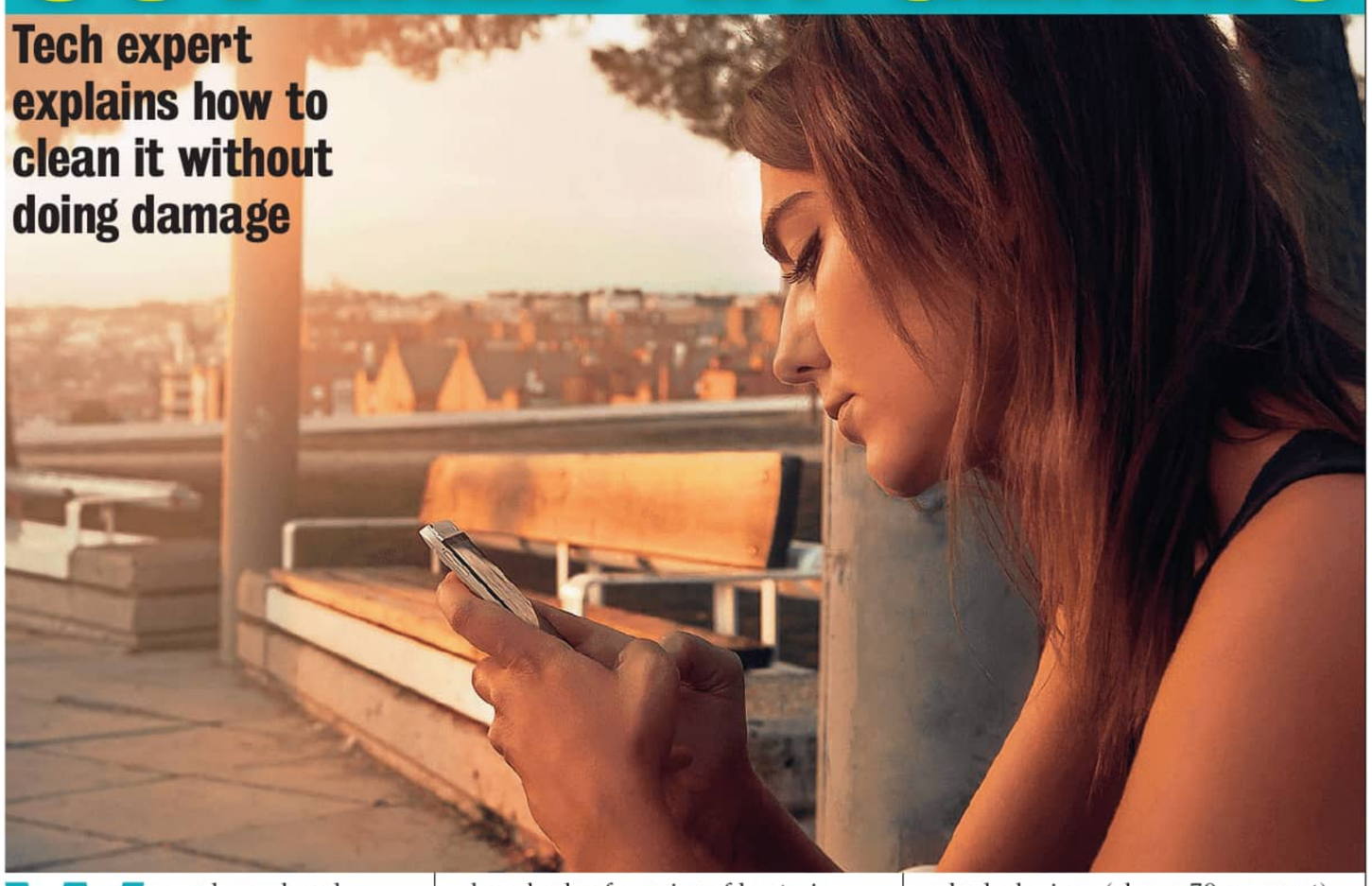
Experts emphasise the need for a comprehensive study before implementation. In Kochi, the Water Metro operates through calm backwaters, allowing for consistent speed and schedule. However, in Mangaluru, the planned routes near estuaries may present navigational challenges. Strong currents and tidal influences could affect boat stability and performance, raising doubts about whether the same level of speed and efficiency can be maintained. Addressing these technical aspects is crucial for the project's long-term success and safety.

HEALTH TIP: Bread, biscuits, candies, white rice and wheat flour are simple carbs that must be avoided because they contain too much sugar

Consume a spoonful of ghee every day, which is extremely nourishing for your joints and the gut

YOUR PHONE IS COVERED IN GERMS

Tech expert explains how to clean it without doing damage



We wash our hands, sanitise shopping trolleys and wipe down cafe tables. But what about our phones? We touch these devices dozens of times a day, and take them everywhere from the kitchen to the dining table, and even the bathroom.

Phones can be contaminated with many kinds of potential germs. When was the last time you wiped down yours – and with what?

If you use the wrong cleaning agents or tools, you could strip your phone's protective coatings, degrade waterproof seals, or even affect its touch sensitivity.

Do phones need cleaning?

Touchscreens get covered in fingerprints and smudges, so there are aesthetic and functional reasons to wipe down your screen.

Another reason comes down to potential health concerns. Whenever mobile phones are swabbed for microorganisms, scientists inevitably find hundreds of species of bacteria and viruses.

While not all of these cause sickness, the potential for transmission is there. We use phones while in the bathroom and then put them near our mouths, touch them while eating, and pass them between people in meetings, cafes, parties and classrooms.

Unlike hands, which can be washed many times a day, phones are rarely cleaned properly – if at all.

If you do want to sanitise your phone, it's also important not to damage it in the process.

Some cleaning products will damage your phone.

You might think a quick swipe with a household cleaner or hand sanitiser is a clever shortcut to keeping your phone clean. However, many of these products can actually degrade your device's surface and internal components over time.

For example, both Apple and Samsung advise against using bleach, hydrogen peroxide, vinegar, aerosol sprays, window cleaners or high-concentration alcohol wipes (above 70 per cent) on their devices.

Most smartphones are coated with an oleophobic layer – a thin film that helps resist fingerprints and smudges. Harsh chemicals such as alcohols, acetone or ammonia-based cleaners can strip this coating, making your screen more vulnerable to smudging and diminished touch responsiveness.

Vinegar, a common DIY disinfectant, can corrode aluminium or plastic edges due to its high acidity. Bleach and hydrogen peroxide, though highly effective as disinfectants, are also too aggressive for the delicate materials used in consumer electronics.

High-alcohol content wipes may dry out plastics and make them brittle with repeated use.

In short, if the cleaner is tough enough to disinfect your kitchen bench, it is probably too harsh for your phone.

How should I clean my phone then?

The good news is that cleaning your phone properly is simple and inexpensive. You just need to follow the guidelines backed by major manufacturers. You should also unplug and remove any protective cases or accessories when cleaning your phone.

Most tech companies recommend using 70per cent isopropyl alcohol wipes (not higher), soft microfibre cloths, and anti-static soft-bristled brushes made of nylon, horsehair or goat hair to clean delicate areas like speaker grills and charging ports.

During the COVID pandemic, Apple revised its cleaning guidelines to permit the use of Clorox disinfecting wipes and 70 per cent isopropyl alcohol on iPhones, provided they are used gently to avoid damaging screen coatings or allowing moisture to seep into the device.

Samsung offers similar advice, recommending users wipe down their phones with a microfibre cloth lightly dampened with a 70 per cent alcohol solution, while steering clear of direct application to ports and openings.

Prevent accidental damage when using these tips.

Never spray liquid directly onto the phone, as moisture can seep into ports and internal components, leading to short circuits or corrosion.

Submerging your phone in any cleaning solution is also risky, even for water-resistant models: the seals that prevent water from getting in, such as rubber gaskets, adhesives, nano-coatings and silicone layers, can degrade over time.

Avoid using paper towels, tissues, or rough cloths, which may leave scratches on the screen or shed lint that clogs openings.

Finally, be cautious about over-cleaning. Excessive wiping or scrubbing can wear down protective coatings, making your phone more susceptible to fingerprints, smudges, and long-term surface damage.

How often should I clean my phone?

While there is no strict rule for how often you should clean your phone, giving it a proper wipe-down at least once a week under normal use would make sense.

If you regularly take your phone into high-risk environments such as public transport, hospitals, gyms, or bathrooms, it is wise to clean it more frequently.

(By Meena Jha, Central Queensland University, The Conversation)

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Study explores role of brain in treating type 1 diabetes

The brain might become the target of new type 1 diabetes treatments and pave a better way for insulin management, according to a study.

Researchers had, over a decade ago, found that an acute complication of type 1 diabetes -- diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) -- can be resolved with the hormone leptin, even in the absence of insulin.

In the analysis, published in the Journal of Clinical Investigation, the team explained how leptin affects the brain and how it might be used in future therapeutics.

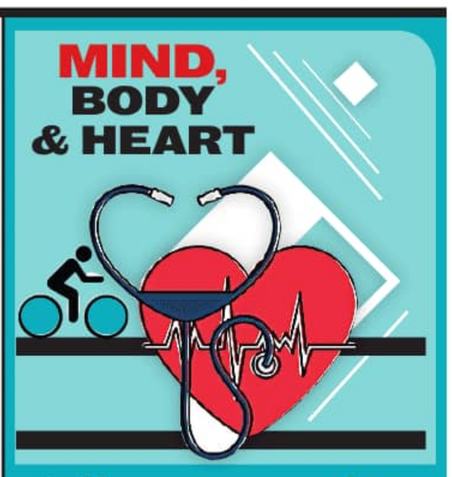
DKA happens when the body is unable to make insulin and begins to break down fat for fuel. This can lead to a life-threatening buildup of sugar (glucose) and ketoacids in the blood.

Doctors have typically administered insulin to address the complication. But evidence now shows that, when insulin is insufficient, the brain plays a key role in driving DKA, explained researchers from the University of Washington in the US

When the pancreas can't make insulin, "the brain gets the message that the body is out of fuel, even if it's not. This information is being communicated in part by a low blood level of the hormone leptin," said Dr. Michael Schwartz, Professor of Medicine, at the University's School of Medicine.

Leptin helps the brain regulate appetite and body weight. Leptin is produced by your body's fat cells. The hormone is carried by the bloodstream into the brain, particularly an area called the hypothalamus.

The study noted that controlling blood glucose with leptin could unlock new avenues of treatment for patients. —IANS



All you need to know about...

How to eat fibre-rich food

Have enough water
Most fibre-rich foods like chia seeds, oats, and wheat require water to digest properly. Not increasing your water intake alongside fibre consumption can lead to constipation, bloating, and other digestive discomforts.
As per experts, an average individual should ideally drink about 2 to 2.5 litres of water daily. However, this number varies depending on one's age, gender, weight, height, climate, and activity level. Additionally, start your day with a glass of warm water to cleanse your bowels thoroughly.

Right food wrong time
Eating fibre at any time of the day could do more harm than good. For example, eating fibre-rich foods like papaya or apple in the evening can cause digestive discomforts like bloating, gas, and poor-quality sleep, as fibre requires more time and energy to be digested and the body needs to rest and heal itself at night; additionally, the fructose and glucose in apples also disrupt the circadian rhythm.
The best time to consume soluble fibre like oats, wheat, etc., is said to be breakfast and lunch, and insoluble fibres like apples and kiwis should be consumed as snacks between the three meals.

Fibre supplements
Having fibre supplements instead of real food—without any medical condition—can be harmful. Doctors recommend that natural food should be the first choice to meet nutritional requirements. If, due to medical or other reasons, you're unable to achieve that goal, then pills may be used as a substitute but it is important to remember that they cannot replace food.

—Femina

Kannada tunes bring cultural soul to Police drills at Dharwad Training School

At the Police Training School (PTS) in Dharwad, a unique initiative is turning heads, routine drill commands are now being delivered in harmony with iconic Kannada songs, transforming conventional training into an experience rich with emotion, culture, and pride.

A recent video shared by ADGP (Training) Alok Kumar shows trainees marching to the patriotic tune "Naavaduva Nudiye Kannada Nudi" from the Dr. Rajkumar classic 'Gandhada Gudi'. What was once a sharp, monotone command sequence has now evolved into a spirited blend of folk rhythms, classical ragas, and timeless Kannada melodies.

Speaking to BM, Alok Kumar praised the cultural shift, saying it adds depth and meaning to traditional police training.

"Drill commands are usually one-sided and coarse in tone. But when they're interwoven with music that reflects our land and language, the energy shifts. It becomes emotionally resonant. Trainees feel proud, they connect," he said.

Importantly, the idea wasn't imposed from the top, it emerged from the grounds. "This came from Armed Head Constable Raghavendra Agarwal. He deserves all the credit.

These are the kinds of creative, grounded ideas we should be encouraging," Kumar added. He confirmed that this format of training will continue and urged other training academies in the state to adopt similar culturally-rooted methods.

The approach first emerged on a rainy day when regular drill routines were restricted. Trainers decided to improvise, replacing commands with Kannada songs. The response was instant and positive. For the past two months, this method has become a regular part of drills.

"This instills discipline in a more natural, organic way," Kumar said. "It no longer feels like a forced exercise, it's something they relate to and carry with them." He stressed the importance of choosing songs that invoke pride and honour Karnataka's heritage, not just trending tracks, but those that reflect the state's cultural depth. **BMB**

Schools say digital evidence is for constructive conversation

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According to several school administrators, the decision to use mobile recordings as digital evidence is largely reactive. They point to cases where students spoke rudely to teachers, disrupted classes, or bullied peers, only to later deny their actions.

"Today's students are smart and very aware of their rights, which is a good thing. But sometimes that awareness is misused," said a senior teacher at a CBSE school. "When there's clear video proof, it ensures neither the teacher nor the student can manipulate the narrative."

Some schools are going a step further by implementing digital discipline logs—apps or school ERP platforms where video clips, incident reports, and notes are stored securely and shared with parents on a need basis.

Interestingly, many parents are supportive of the idea. "I was shocked when I saw my son behaving aggressively in class. I wouldn't have believed it if the school hadn't sent me a video," said Sangeetha N, a parent. "It helped us speak to him calmly at home and understand what's troubling him." However, she adds that schools must use this tool "with caution and empathy," ensuring that it doesn't become surveillance or a tool of fear.

Students concerned

Students, however, are divided in their opinions. While some say it keeps them more cautious, others feel it invades their privacy and damages trust between students and teachers.

"It's scary to think that you could be recorded all the time," said a Class 10 student from a Koramangala school on condition of anonymity. "We already have so much pressure; now even a small mistake could be sent home as a video."

Child psychologists too warned against overuse. "Recording should be the last resort, not the first reaction," said a child behaviour specialist. "There's a fine line between discipline and intimidation. Schools must train staff on when and how to use such tools responsibly."

While digital evidence offers clarity, schools must navigate ethical, legal, and emotional considerations—like obtaining consent, protecting the child's dignity, and ensuring the recordings are not misused or leaked. Despite the challenges, many Bengaluru schools see this as a step towards greater accountability and better parent-teacher collaboration, provided it's used sensitively. "Technology is here to stay. It's up to us how humanely we use it," added a school teacher.

High vehicle density proves black carbon bane

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to its adverse regional impact on health and climate change. Our GIS-based model also shows that traffic junctions in Bengaluru are hotspots of air pollutants, including high emission of black carbon, which poses serious health risks," said Dr Narayan Kayet, Department for Climate Change (SLCP), EMPRI.

Researchers evaluated black carbon emissions in Karnataka from all vehicles across various districts over six years (2017–2022). They found that Karnataka's road transport sector contributed 39.76 % of the state's total black carbon emissions, with a 3.31% increase between 2017 and 2022. However, this upward trend was temporarily disrupted in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 lockdown period, while all other years exhibited a consistent rise in emissions.

Need a change

Under a business–as–usual scenario, the emission of black carbon (BC) from heavy-duty vehicles in Karnataka is expected to reach 158.89 and 102.72 metric tons (MT) by 2050, exacerbating environmental and health issues.

Experts say the increase in BC emissions from the road transport sector in Karnataka is driven by factors such as rapid vehicle growth, increased diesel usage, traffic congestion, and an aging vehicle fleet.

While the BC emissions are expected to rise without intervention, implementing stringent policies can significantly reduce vehicle-wise emissions, leading to improved air quality and environmental benefits, says Dr Kayet.

There is a need for the state, including its capital city, to prioritise expanding public and non-motorized transport, while phasing out old diesel fleets through scrappage and retrofitting, and implementing targeted emission standards in high-density corridors.

"Our analysis underscores the need for stringent emission control measures, including the adoption of EVs, stricter Bharat Stage (BS)-VI norms, and the promotion of cleaner fuels. Apart from these, the use of technology to track emissions at traffic junctions can help mitigate pollution. While Bengaluru is tracking other air pollutants through 11 CAAQMS, the city lacks black carbon sensors. Looking at the harmful impact of this pollutant on human health, decision makers must consider this option," said Dr Kayet.

Planting suitable tree species based on area-specific air quality index data is another suggestion by experts to bring down emission levels.

Transitioning to electric vehicles (EVs) can have economic benefits of 20.58 lakh per km/year by 2050, reducing fossil fuel dependence and emissions.

Researchers also conducted a health benefits analysis, which revealed that reducing black carbon emissions from road transport in Karnataka could significantly lower the economic burden of health costs, from Rs. 17,333.33 per person/ km in 2050 under the BAU scenario to Rs. 263.70 under the emission reduction scenario.

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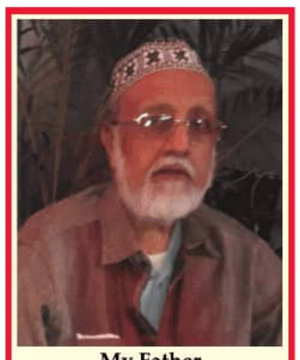

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Hollywood star Willem Dafoe will be bestowed with the Honorary Heart of Sarajevo, the highest prize at the Sarajevo Film Festival, for his contribution to the art of film

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Nothing to be ashamed of

Tamannaah Bhatia explains how people try to control others through guilt and shame

The 'Baahubali' franchise is one of the biggest franchise movies in Indian cinema. It changed a lot of things overall when it comes to Pan India movies. While it remains iconic now in many ways 'Baahubali' has also gotten some bit of criticism. For instance, Prabhas and Tamannaah Bhatia's intimate scene in Part 1 got criticised. Infact, a review said, 'it was the rape of Avantika (Tamannaah's character) in the movie. In a recent interview, Tamannaah has spoken about it and her perspective on the scene in a conversation with The Lallantop.

Tamannaah offered a broader perspective on public judgment. "This is my take. If you can't control someone, you use one technique and that involves shame and guilt. Because they want you to feel all the time that whatever you do is wrong. When you feel that way, they gain control over you. This is one aspect of the conversation," she said, highlighting how shame is often used as a tool to suppress agency.

Tamannaah also delved into the cultural discomfort around expressions of intimacy, stating, "In our country, people look down upon the idea of the process by which you and I are here today. If our parents didn't come together, I don't think you'd be here. Neither would I nor would anybody else be." She added, "It is such a pure thing, but we look at it with an ugly gaze. It is that viewpoint that makes us feel that we have to be ashamed about that aspect of our lives – to hide and not discuss, or we can't be open about that conversation."

Recounting the vision director SS Rajamouli had while conceptualising the scene, Tamannaah shared that it was rooted in a deeper emotional narrative. **—ETimes**

Mark Ruffalo in talks for Hulk role

Hollywood star Mark Ruffalo is in talks to return for the role of Hulk in the upcoming installment of the "Spider-Man" franchise.

According to the entertainment news outlet The Hollywood Reporter, Ruffalo will reprise the role of Bruce Banner/ Hulk in the film.

The 57-year-old actor, also known for starring in projects such as "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind", "Rumor Has It", and "13 Going on 30", essayed the role of Hulk for the first time in the 2012 Marvel film "The Avengers".

He went on to reprise the role in several projects, including "Avengers: Age of Ultron" (2015), "Thor: Ragnarok" (2017), and "Avengers: Infinity War" (2018), among others.

"Spider-Man: Brand New Day" stars Tom Holland in the titular role alongside Zendaya. The film is directed by Destin Daniel Cretton. It is set to release in theatres on July 31, 2026.

The plot details are being kept under wraps. Actors Jacob Batalon, Sadie Sink, and Liza Colon-Zayas round off the cast of "Spider-Man: Brand New Day". **—PTI**

Break all stereotypes

From ruling MTV as a VJ to setting trends as a fashion icon, Anusha Dandekar has never walked just one path. Now returning to screens with 'Hunter Season 2', the ever-dynamic star is embracing her "multi-hyphenate" identity, a title she says is both a blessing and a challenge.

In a candid conversation with News18 Showsha, Anusha reflected on how being someone who acts, hosts, sings, influences, and never stays still, is often met with skepticism in an industry that likes to label. "I honestly don't view it as a negative," she said. "If anything, it's a gift. I get to wake up and do something I love every day. And I never get bored."

But being multitalented doesn't mean it's been easy. The entertainment world, as Anusha puts it, "loves boxes." Whether it's judging her based on past roles or her Australian accent, she's been navigating the same barriers since the beginning. "You break the box. Or at least try to. It's still a battle, it never really ends," she admitted. One of her longest-running battles? Constantly being accused of faking her accent. "People still think I'm faking it. I mean, seriously — how can someone fake an accent for this long? I don't think I'm that talented!" Instead of bending to fit expectations, Anusha has learned to flip stereotypes to her advantage. "Stereotypes exist, so break them. But also, learn how to flip them and make them work for you," she explained. **—ETimes**

Age is a superpower

Actress Isha Koppikar, who is known for her work in 'Don', 'Kya Kool Hai Hum', and others, feels that ageing for an actor is an enriching experience as they can use their understanding of the world, courtesy the experience, as a strength adding a lot to their performance.

Reflecting on a well-known example, she said, "A film was made in 2019, titled Saand Ki Aankh. They made the film with youngsters in it, and Neena Gupta had also said that if you have written a role for a 50-year-old or a 60-year-old woman, then why are you casting and portraying 30-year-old girls as old? Why not take actors who have proven that they are really good, talented actors? Why are you not taking them now? Why do you think they are jaded?"

She further mentioned, "With time comes a deeper emotional understanding. That can bring something truly special to a character." However, the actress is hopeful about the direction the industry is heading in. In recent years, more films have started to feature older female protagonists, and discussions around representation have become more common. **—IANS**

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Winner of 27 awards

Abhijit Purohit, who has worked in various segments of the small screen, is excited about a short film directed by him, Lakshmi, that has bagged won 27 awards in different categories including acting, direction, music, and cinematography, at various international film festivals.

Purohit organised a function to celebrate the success of the movie. He also celebrated his mother Nalini's 70th birthday. A video of people, including Nalini's mother, father and husband, conveying her birthday wishes that was generated using AI was screened. The director said that he invited veteran actress Girija Lokesh as the chief guest of the function."I am very happy with the success of my movie Lakshmi," said Purohit. Appreciating Purohit for the success of his movie, Nalini said she was lucky to have such a son.

Girija Lokesh said she has watched the movie. "It narrates important issues, including emotions and bonding, in 20 minutes," she said.

Sudeep on a song

Kichcha Sudeep has extended moral support to Chandan Kumar by singing a song for the movie, Flirt. Sudeep also conveyed best wishes to Chandan Kumar through a video. The song, said to be a friendship anthem, was unveiled on July 28. Sudeep and Chandan Kumar are best friends.

Chandan Kumar, apart from playing the lead, is handling the megaphone and also bankrolling the movie under the Everest Pictures banner. The movie has a tagline – A pure duvvu story.

Chandan Kumar said Flirt is a romantic comedy with elements of friendship. "The movie has a psycho character.The movie features senior actress Shruthi, Sadhu Kokila, Giri, Akshatha Bopanna and Nimika Rathnakar," he said.

Actor-cum-director Sadhu Kokila said he attended the function because of Chandan Kumar's hard work.

"I usually skip movie events but I attended this event because the theme of the movie is good. I play a different character in the movie," said Sadhu Kokila.

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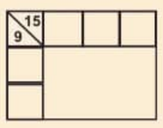
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

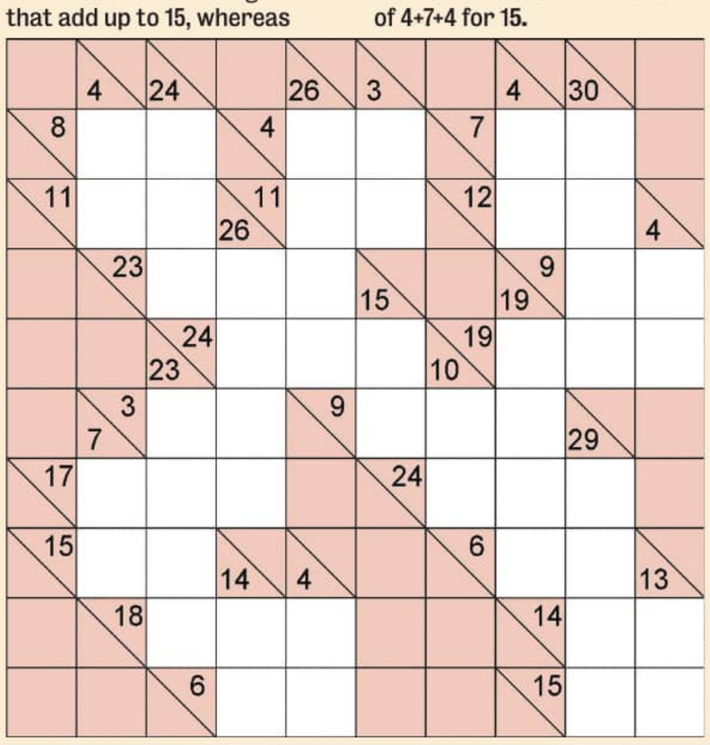
[5! / ∛125)] * (6 / 8) = ?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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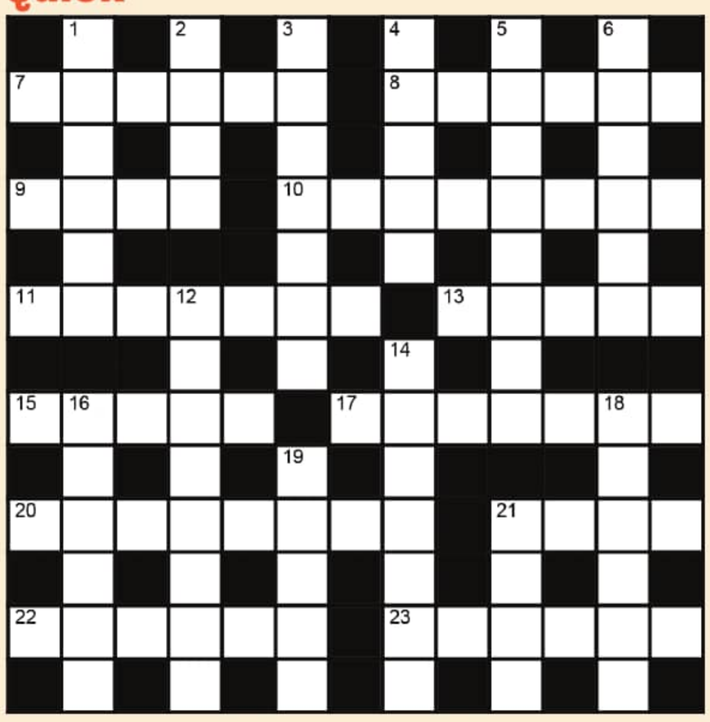


ACROSS

7 Capital of the Philippines (6)
8 Extremely sad (6)
9 Her basilica is located in Shivajinagar (4)
10 Spanish or Portuguese people (8)
11 Firmly established (4,3)
13 Hindu sun-god (5)
15 Vivacity (5)
17 Most boring? (7)
20 Seventy days to be precise? (3,5)
21 Twelve inches (4)
22 Off track (6)
23 Part of the foot (6)

DOWN

1 Roof of the mouth (6)
2 Playfully pesty (4)
3 Inhabitants or nationals of a country? (7)
4 Speak or say (5)
5 Customary (8)
6 One of a pair of organs (6)
12 Very dynamic and active (4-4)
14 Tabla maestro Zakir ____ (7)
16 Nevertheless (4,2)
18 Added fuel to (a fire) (6)
19 African country (5)
21 Brouhaha (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: L EQUALS G

HOS URXS ORXXWZDWKL HOWY ARXMP TSQRUSY, HOS URXS EXH TSQRUSY ETY-HXEQH.

Linemaro

I'm drawn to you like a bug to a bright light

Mindchow

Hope is the best possession. None are completely wretched but those who are without hope

Joke of the day

I'd like to buy a new boomerang please. Also, can you tell me how to throw the old one away?

Loop

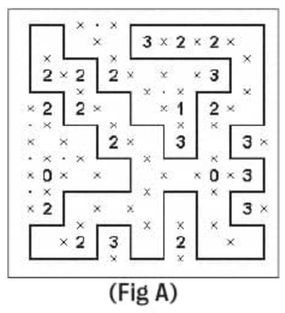
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

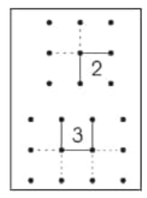
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

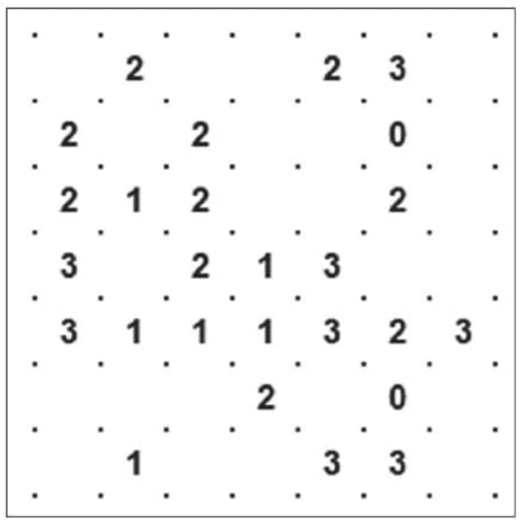
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



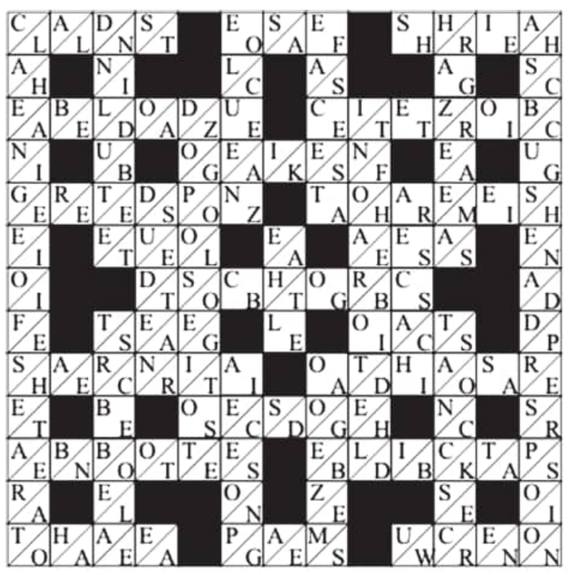
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



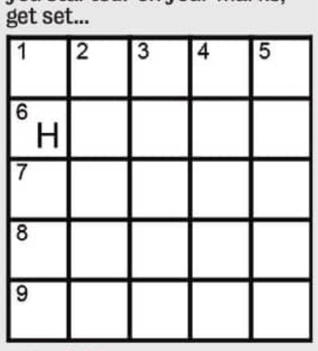
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

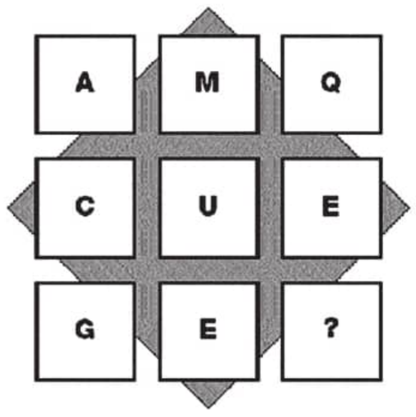
1 Scram; 6 Lo the; 7 Ail I a; 8 Rotes; 9 Steam

DOWN

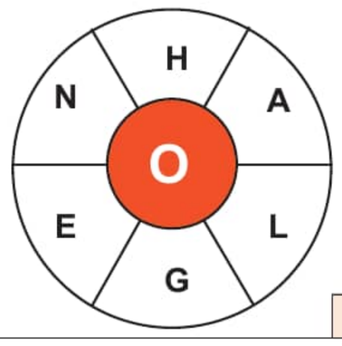
1 Machs; 2 A tear; 3 Atoll; 4 I Rome; 5 Sites

Mensapuzzle

What is missing from the last square?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

12 Average; 14 Good; 16 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 3
1 2 8 8

Medium = 1
5 5 8 8

Hard = 9
1 6 6 8

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Curtain is different. 2. Soap dish is moved. 3. Sink is different. 4. Towel is longer. 5. Brush is different. 6. Hair is different.

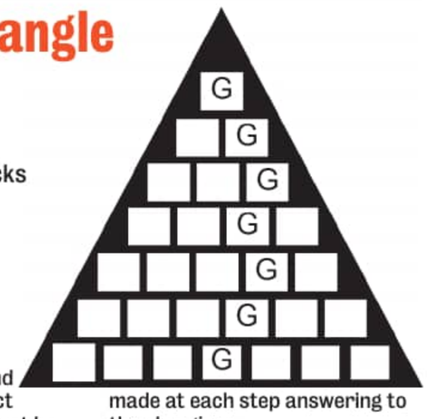
Riddler

Find the word that precedes or follows four of the five words in each group below. Then, find the bonus word that precedes or follows the five words you've eliminated. (One from each group)

1. Bean, milk, chamber, nurse, bar 2. Case, flag, pattern, tube, pilot 3. Suit, book, ridge, breaker, man 4. Ball, theme, trailer, doub

Alpha triangle

1 Gram, abbr.
2 Silver symbol
3 Hang loosely
4 Tatters
5 Steep rugged rocks
6 Shiploads
7 Mountain lions



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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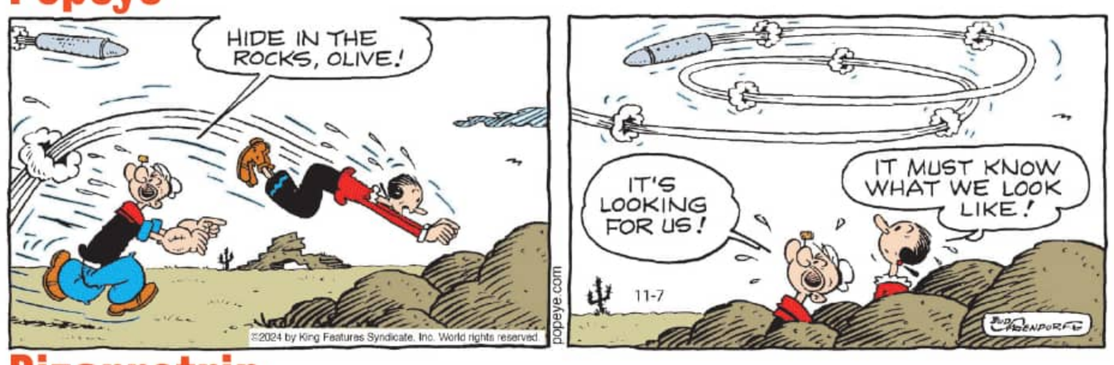
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IF YOU'RE IN CLASS, YOU SHOULD BE LEARNING. IT'S HARD TO DO THAT WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT YOUR PHONE.
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Crankshaft

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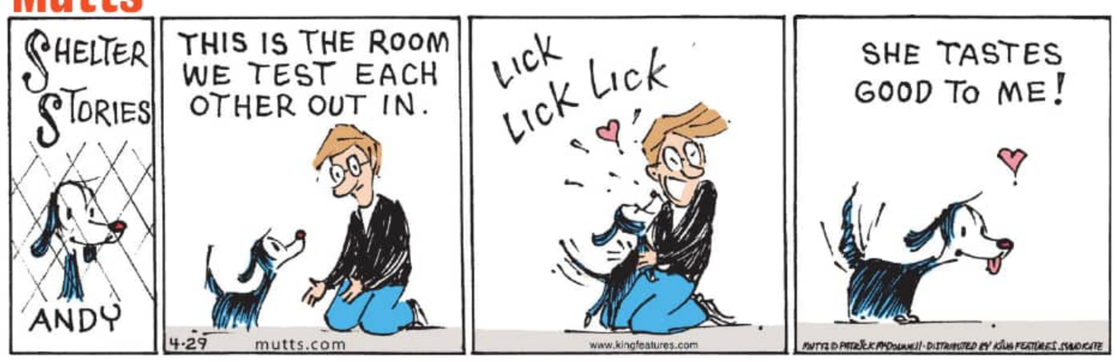

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21–Apr 20
Today, you may feel rushed or under pressure, so drive cautiously and avoid unnecessary risks. However, with the blessings of your elders, you'll be able to navigate challenging situations successfully. You'll likely manage multiple responsibilities, and your patience will lead to positive outcomes—especially in new partnerships. Lovebirds will enjoy joyful moments.

Taurus Apr 21–May 20
Today may bring sudden gains in business, boosting both your confidence and finances. Momentum will build at work, enhancing your prestige. You may even begin planning an overseas trip. On the home front, avoid unnecessary stress to maintain peace and harmony.

Gemini May 21–Jun 21
Blessings from elders may increase your self-confidence. Trusting your intuition could lead to success, especially in financial matters. A family visit to a religious place may bring spiritual peace. Try to keep your ego in check to avoid domestic tensions. Students can expect favorable results with divine support.

Cancer Jun 22–July 23
Today may feel emotionally heavy, as you might experience unease or anxiety. A sense of unexplained fear could lower your confidence and disrupt your routine. You may also be drawn to occult subjects. Avoid adventurous activities or fast driving, and give yourself time to relax and recharge.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
You're likely to manage your finances well today, finding a healthy balance between income and expenses. Your work performance may improve, earning you new responsibilities or even a promotion. Stuck payments may get released, and you'll successfully handle rivals or hidden adversaries.

Virgo Aug 24–Sep 23
The Moon's blessings bring positivity to your day. Love is in the air, and singles may meet a promising partner. Your professional life also looks bright, with strong support from friends and subordinates, helping you progress on your tasks.

Libra Sep 24–Oct 22
Lack of proper sleep might leave you feeling low or distracted, affecting your productivity. A visit to a spiritual place might help you feel more centered. By evening, guidance from elders could help you realise past mistakes and inspire better planning for tomorrow. Keep an eye on your parents' health.

Scorpio Oct 23–Nov 22
Support from your team will help you complete pending work efficiently. Attending a social gathering may enhance your network, potentially benefitting your professional and personal life. Disputes with friends may also resolve. Students should stay focused and avoid distractions.

Sagittarius Nov 23–Dec 22
Your communication skills will be your greatest strength today. Being polite and respectful will help you build momentum in your projects. Lovebirds may enjoy meaningful conversations that strengthen their relationship and lay the groundwork for future commitment.

Capricorn Dec 23–Jan 20
With the Moon's blessing, new partnerships may prove rewarding. Your energy levels will be high, and your determination is likely to yield financial success. Your strong sense of self-respect will help protect you from negativity or manipulative individuals.

Aquarius Jan 21–Feb 19
You might feel low or unsatisfied today. Avoid harsh words when dealing with friends or family, as miscommunication could create rifts. Your efforts may not be immediately recognised, but patience and inner guidance will lead you to the right path. Important decisions should be taken calmly.

Pisces Feb 20–Mar 20
New sources of income may open up, and past investments could yield good profits, strengthening your finances. You might connect with a social or spiritual organisation, expanding your circle. Singles could meet someone special, while couples will enjoy romantic and harmonious moments.

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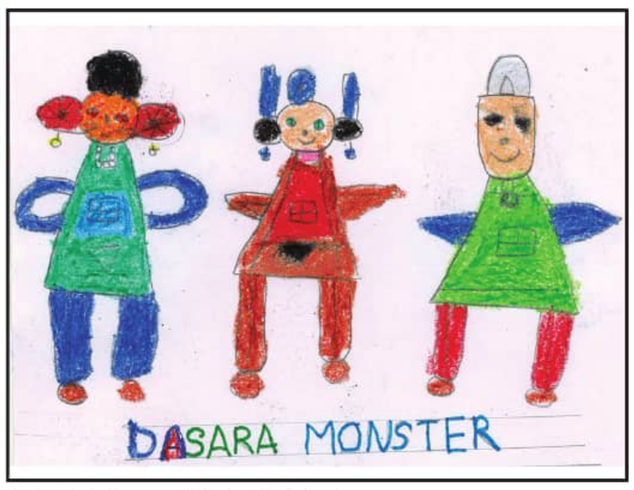

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
(120 / 5) * (6 / 8)
(24 * 3) / 4 = 18

RIDDLER
1. Maid (milk-maid, chamber-maid, nurse-maid, bar-maid), 2. Test (test-case, test-pat-tern, test-tube, test-pilot), 3. Law (law-suit, law-book, law-breaker, law-man),4. Park (ball-park, theme-park, trailer-park, double-park)

FAST FIVE

C	R	A	M	S
H	E	L	O	T
A	A	L	I	I
S	T	O	R	E
M	A	T	E	S

BULL'S EYE
aeon, aloe, alone, along, baol, goal, gone, halo, HALOGEN, hole, hone, loan, loge, lone, long, ogle

STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
U. Starting in the top left of the diagram, and working in columns, from top to bottom, letters follow the alphabetical sequence, advancing **2** letters, then **4**, then 6, then 8 etc.

QUOTE UNCODE
The more horrifying this world becomes, the more art becomes abstract.

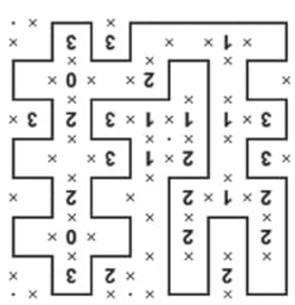
SUDOKU

1	4	5	2	9	6	7	3	8
9	8	3	7	4	1	5	2	6
7	6	2	3	5	8	9	1	4
2	1	8	5	6	3	4	9	7
5	7	4	9	8	2	3	6	1
3	9	6	1	7	4	8	5	2
6	3	7	4	1	9	2	8	5
8	5	9	6	2	7	1	4	3
4	2	1	8	3	5	6	7	9

ALPHA TRIANGLE
G, Ag, Sag, Rags, Crags, Cargos, Cougars.

GO FIGURE
Easy
2 + 8 + 1–8 = 3
Medium
8 + 5–8 / 5 = 1
Hard
6–6 + 8 + 1 = 9

LOOP



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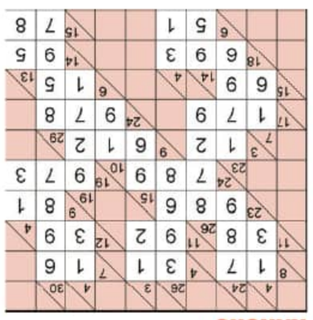

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